



Casa Methodist Churches

The Methodist class of the M. E. Church South was organized in 1903 by the Rev. John McNeil of the Greenbank circuit. We do not have the date when the M. E. class was organized, but it was soon after the above date. No church was built in Casa until in 1920 when the Presbyterians built theirs. For four years this church was used by the Methodists, too. Finally some of the Presbyterians objected to the Methodists using the church, and decided to charge them \$15. per Sunday or \$25. for two Sundays per month. They soon decided that they could not afford to pay this amount, and that it would be best to build a church of their own.

The M. E. members withdrew first and in 1924 built The First Methodist Church on the east side of the river. The deed for the lot was given on February 20, 1924 by Dr. Allen Burner and Mabel Burner his wife, parties of the first part, and J. A. Smith, M. O. Blackhart, and A. G. Hardbarger, trustees of the First Methodist church of Casa. For \$400. cash lots 6 and 7 in block 1. "Now therefore this deed witnesseth, the trustees of said church herein mentioned and their successors in office shall at no time prohibit the doctrine of Sanctification as taught by John and Charles Wesley, the founders of Methodism."

A little later in that same year the M. E. South members also withdrew from the church, and the deed for the lots were given by William V. Hiner and Grace C. Hiner his wife, to G. A. Gillispie, J. W. Bible, Roy Cook, Burk McCarty, J. Hobbs, E. H. Brown, Markwood Gun, L. S. Cochran and William Siple, trustees. for the sum of \$1,800. a lot or parcel of land in Casa

adjoining the land of the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Co. for the use of the M. E. Church, South.

In 1939 these two churches were united, and the M. E. South church is used for preaching purposes. The M. E. church is still used for Sunday school.

There are 155 members of this united church.

The stewards are C. P. Gillispie, J. W. Bible, Roy Cook,^{and} Mark McCarty.
Rev. H. O. Blackherst. M. R. Leasernilk is the Sept. and the teachers are J. W. Jack, Mrs. Myrl Krvin, Mrs. C. P. Gillispie, C. P. Gillispie, Mrs J. H. Rose, Warren Shiflett, and Andre McPherson. Mark McCarty is the Sec. and Treas.

Mrs. Charles Sheets is the Pres. of the Womens Society of Christian Service.